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On 11 March 1952, [] wooden boards, planks and poles were stockpiled between the Rhin and a stagnant branch of the Rhin Canal on the engineer training site at Neumuehler Schleuse (lock), Altruppin (N 53 1/2 49). About 30 soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets constructed a wooden bridge across the side branch of the Rhin Canal. Two piles had already been driven. Eighteen pontoons were on the shore of the lake near the engineer equipment depot. About 60 soldiers were engaged in maintenance work on equipment and in the erection of two wooden sheds. A pontoon bridge was partly built on the western shore farther to the north. It consisted of nine pontoons with groups of three pontoons placed side by side. The roadway was made of wooden planks and boards. Six T-34 tanks were seen practicing near the bridge. They advanced in close formation from the woods to near the bridge and, then, five of them turned off and the sixth drove on to the bridge, and subsequently followed the five other tanks. This exercise was repeated several times. *

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* [] Comment. River crossing exercises by tanks at Neumuehler Schleuse, about 1 km northwest of Altruppin, were reported in September 1951. [] It is believed that the practices were conducted by the engineer unit stationed in the area of Gentzrode, by headquarters engineer troops of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army who were detained in Altruppin on 26 February 1952, and 25X1 by the 413th Indep Pon Bridge Bn of the Second Gds Mecz Army. []

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[] the 413th Indep Pon Bridge Bn moved into the engineer depot. []

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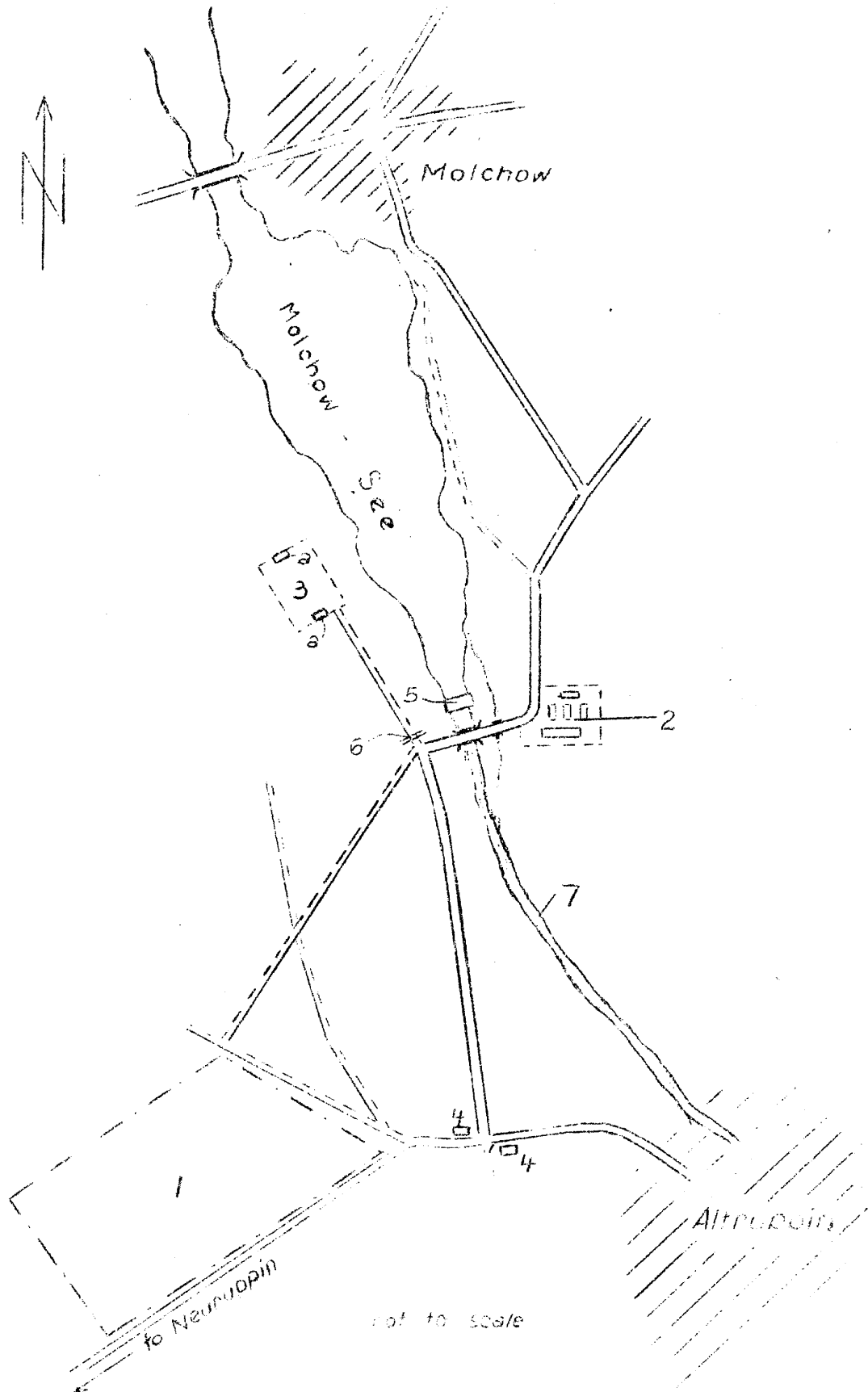
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Legend

Neumuehler Schleuse (Lock) near Altruppin

- 1 Fridericus Kasorne
- 2 Bakery
- 3 Engineer depot
- 3a Wooden sheds
- 4 Inns
- 5 Neumuehler Schleuse
- 6 Road barrier with sentry
- 7 Rhin Canal connecting Ruppiner Lake and Molchow Lake

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